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The House met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. MILLER of Florida].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 21, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable DAN MILLER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Let us pray using the words of Psalm 85:

Lord, Thou wast favorable to Thy land; Thou didst restore the fortunes of Jacob. Thou didst forgive the iniquity of Thy people; Thou didst pardon all their sin. Thou didst withdraw all Thy wrath; Thou didst turn from Thy hot anger. Restore us again, O God of our salvation, and put away Thy indignation toward us. Wilt Thou be angry with us forever? Wilt Thou prolong Thy anger to all generations? Wilt Thou not revive us again, that Thy people may rejoice in Thee? Show us Thy steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us Thy salvation.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Wisconsin [Mr. SEN-SENRENNER] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SENSENBRENNER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PERMISSION FOR COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE TO HAVE UNTIL 6 P.M. TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 1997 TO FILE REPORTS ON H.R. 1276, ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT; H.R. 1277, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY CIVILIAN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ACT; AND H.R. 1278, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION AUTHORIZATION ACT

Mr. SENSENBRENNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Science have until 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, 1997 to file reports on the following bills:

H.R. 1276, the Environmental Research, Development and Demonstration Authorization Act;

H.R. 1277, the Department of Energy Civilian Research and Development Act; and

H.R. 1278, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Authorization Act.

These requests have been cleared with and approved by the minority.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

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SPEAKER'S COMPENSATION FOR COST OF ETHICS INVESTIGATION

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker,

Mr. SOLOMON. Mr. Speaker, I ask the gentleman's words be taken down.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE). The gentleman will suspend. The gentleman from Georgia will be seated.

□ 1030

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KOLBE). The Clerk will report the words.

The Clerk read as follows:

I am surprised to see my Republican colleagues on the floor today congratulating Speaker NEWT GINGRICH for doing something he should have done months ago, paying \$300,000 for lying to Congress. Speaker GINGRICH admitted to bringing discredit on the House of Representatives. He has admitted to lying to this House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is prepared to rule.

The words of the gentleman from Georgia constitute a personality against the Speaker. Under the precedents, the debate should not go to the official conduct of a Member where that question is not pending as a question of privilege on the House floor. The fact that the House has addressed a Member's conduct at a prior time does not permit this debate at this time. Therefore, the gentleman's words are out of order.

Without objection, the gentleman's words will be stricken from the RECORD.

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Objection is heard.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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